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# CITY OF STAMFORD

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# Stamford Government Center-Stamford, Connecticut Regular Meeting-Thursday, February 13, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the City of Stamford Economic Development Commission (EDC) Office of Economic Development (OED) was held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 4:08pm on the 9th floor in the Urban Redevelopment Commission Conference Room, Stamford Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut.

#### 1. Call to Order

Chairman Winkel called the meeting to order at 4:08pm.

# 2. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Mark Diamond, James Huerta and Jonathan Winkel Absent: Stephen Fischer

Staff: Thomas Madden-Director Economic Development, John Varamo-Economic Development Analyst, Dr. Tommie Jackson Assistant Director-URC, Theresa Bowen, Office Manager-URC.

Guest(s): Humberto Rocha, David Kooris

# 3. Reading and Acceptance of Minutes: From Regular Meeting held on January 9, 2020 Chairman Winkel asked for reading of the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 9, 2020. He then asked for a motion to accept these minutes. A motion was moved by Commissioner Diamond and second by Commissioner Huerta. Motion was passed unanimously with Commissioners present.

## 4. Chairperson Report

Since last meeting there have been no new requests. However, he did see the Q4 report was posted on ChooseStamford.com.

#### 5. Director's Report

Mr. Madden turned it over to Mr. Varamo to review the Q4 Report for the Commissioners. Some highlights were the new leases, home sales and employment activity. Mr. Madden updated the Commissioners on recent tours and a meeting held with the Consulate General People of China.

#### 6. Commission Business

None pending.

#### 7. Old Business

- a. Research-University Zone Update- J.Varamo No update.
- Agenda format discussion
   After discussion, the Commissioners agreed to have the Chairman schedule a regular time with Staff to set the agenda.

#### 8. New Business

- a. Next Meeting
  - i. Discussion-Next Meeting Agenda
  - ii. Confirmation-Next Regular Meeting (Thurs. March 12, 2020)

## 9. Public Comment

Humberto Rocha requested that future meetings be posted on the website either audio or video format for transparency.

## 10. Adjournment

Chairman Winkel requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:28pm. A motion was made by Commissioner Diamond with second from Commissioner Huerta. Motion passed unanimously with Commissioners present. With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

James "Jim" Huerta,

Secretary-Economic Development Commission